

Radio Station Ends Activities Until Fall

Last Thursday night, WNTC concluded broadcasting activities for this school year. There have been many rumors offered to explain the sudden end of broadcasting; here are the facts. It became apparent last Thursday that certain operational problems had arisen in the functioning of the transmitter located at the studios on the third floor of Snell Hall. With the type of broadcasting done by WNTC, exact power measurements are difficult. WNTC has been informed that the signal from the main transmitter is in excess of recommended strength. In order to remedy this, the station removed the transmitter from service until modifications could be made. With this transmitter out of service, about 75% of the station's service area cannot be covered. If we had continued broadcasting without this large percentage of our listeners, our income would have fallen below the point where the station can break even on operational expenses. The major cost of running WNTC is the rental of telephone circuits and, without income, all reserves would be consumed. With this in mind, the Executive Board of WNTC decided to go off the air for the remainder of the school year.

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According to present plans, the station will go on the air in the fall with its usual service of music, news and sports. By going off the air now, we hope to make the station financially able to broadcast all the home and away games of the hockey team next year. A general meeting of the staff was held Thursday at which the President of WNTC, Charles Fish, explained this situation completely.